

Leshia Murray Testimony
April 13th, 2023
FY 2024 Operating Budget

Greetings Everyone,

My name is Leshia Murray, and I am here to ask the council members to fully support the FY24 budget. I am a resident and an employee of MC. As a county resident, I favor fully funding the budget because it will continue to provide some of the well-needed services for county residents and businesses. Hardworking residents of this county are struggling every day to make ends meet. The county council must acknowledge that to maintain quality education in MCPS you need highly qualified staff. Currently, highly qualified staff live and work in the county, and are struggling to provide for their families because wages lacking to keep up with rising costs. Fully funding the budget, with additional revenue enhancements, will ensure that MCPS can honor the contracts of the hard-working educators and support staff at MCPS. We know that every child needs and deserves a quality education, but don't forget that none of this would be possible without the hard work and dedication of every county worker who does their job tirelessly to ensure that students can succeed. I listen as colleagues share their struggles because the cost of living is rising faster than our paychecks can keep up. A fully funded budget ensures that employees of MCPS can continue to live and work in this county and provide for their families. As a homeowner, I know that the projected budget calls for a tax increase. The dimes spent today will go a long way to ensure a quality education for all students. Attracting the best and the brightest talent among our county workforce will require revenue enhancements and fully funded budget.

Thank you,

Leshia Murray